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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR MRN (1874 VICE 1875)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (DEN UYL, J.M.)

SUBJ: DEN UYL'S VISIT: SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS

REF: THE HAGUE 1752

1. DURING MEETING WITH DCM APRIL 11 FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN BROUGHT UP SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS THAT PRIMIN DEN UYL AND FONMIN VAN DER STOEL WOULD HAVE WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY DURING THEIR MAY 14 VISIT. RUTTEN REFERRED TO THE DISCUSSION TOPICS PROPOSED BY DEN UYL'S OFFICE (REFTEL) WHICH RUTTEN THOUGHT MUCH TOO DETAILED AND COMPREHIENSIVE. HE AGREED WITH DCM'S COMMENT THAT TOPICS REFLECTED PRIMIN'S EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE AND INTEREST IN ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, INCLUDING HIS PRIOR SERVICE AS MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SEVERAL YEARS AGO. HE CONCEDED THAT FROM DEN UYL'S POINT OF VIEW IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO DISCUSS MAJOR ASPECTS OF THE ENERGY PROBLEM, OTHER MAJOR RAW MATERIALS AND INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT, AS THESE WERE MATTERS OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE GON WHICH DEN UYL HEADS AND ON WHICH HE WAS HOPING TO DEVELOP OR IMPROVE ON A COMMON APPROACH WITH THE US.

2. DCM REMINDED RUTTEN THAT WASHINGTON NEEDED AMPLE TIME TO PREPARE SERIOUS SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS OF THE SCOPE INTENDED HERE. THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE IN EVERY ONE'S INTEREST FOR THE PRIMIN'S PROPOSED AGENDA TO BE
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FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. RUTTEN

AGREED AND SAID HE WOULD WORK ON THE LIST AS SOON AS HE
RETURNED FROM EC FONMINS MEETING FIRST OF
THIS WEEK.
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